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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Issei ISHIMARU et al.

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For: **HEAT-SHRINKABLE FILM** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 60, line 25 and ending at page 61, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:



The thus-obtained pellets were extruded into a sheet having a thickness of 150  $\mu$ m under forming conditions of a molten resin temperature of 220°C and a T-die width of 500 mm by means of a T-die type film melt extruder having a resin melt kneading machine equipped with a screw having a diameter of 65 mm. The thus-obtained sheet having the size of 500 mm x 1000 mm x 150  $\mu$ m was biaxially stretched 2.5 times in a machine direction and 4.0 times in a transverse direction